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SUBJ: SOMALI VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF AMERICAN OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

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1. CONSULAR OFFICER CALLED MOFA PROTOCOL OFFICER EARLY 5 MARCH FOR APPOINTMENT TO DELIVER NOTE VERBALE PROTESTING SOMALI REFUSAL TO ISSUE VISA FOR BLACKBURN, HOLDER OF OFFICIAL PASSPORT. PROTOCOL OFFICER SAID HE TOO BUSY TO RECEIVE ANYONE, BUT ON HEARING WHAT APPOINTMENT WAS ABOUT, ASKED IF EMBASSY HAD SENT A NOTE VERBALE REQUESTING BLACKBURN'S VISA. WHEN TOLD WE HAD, PROTOCOL OFFICER REPLIED THAT HE MUST HAVE MISSED SEEING IT. (WE HAVE NOW SENT TWO NOTES ON THE MATTER.) PROTOCOL OFFICER THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY AND ADVISE FURTHER.

2. THERE OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT GSDR WILL REVERSE DECISION REGARDING BLACKBURN'S VISA. WILL ADVISE WHEN FURTHER INFO KNOWN. IN MEANTIME, WE RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM LODGE NOTE VERBALE PROTESTING SOMALI EMBASSY, DAR'S ACTION IN REFUSING VISA FOR HOLDER OF OFFICIAL PASSPORT.
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